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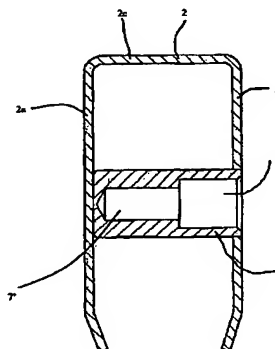
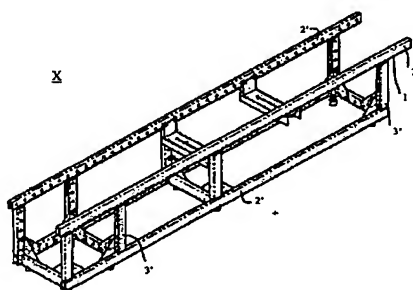
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ING MACHINE FRAME**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a machine frame (1) for a packaging machine being constructed in such a way that its manu-
facture is simple and flexible for the various widths and lengths of foil packaging material without having the need for an expensive
and labour intensive intercoupling. This machine frame is also robust and interiorly good cleanable, so that hygienic risks may be
substantially decreased. This machine-building element comprises a profile element (2) made of strong sheet material, like e.g. metal
or plastic material, comprising a mainly straight horizontal part (2c) that tapers off on both sides over an angle of approximately 90°
to two downwardly directed vertical parts (2a, 2b). These parts are longitudinally interconnected completely to a compact unit by
means of a plurality of hollow functional sockets (7). These functional sockets are each provided with internal threading (7') to
receive an appropriate coupling element or module to be used in a machine construction, like e.g. an adapter socket. Frame girders
(2') as well as frame stands (3') for a packaging machine may be constructed from these multifunctional constructional modular
elements for machine-building purposes. This results in a machine frame construction which is very flexible, robust and interiorly
well cleanable.

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